RELEASES

SEPTEMBER '86

...And Who Watches The Watchmen?

*"WATCHMEN IS GOING TO MAKE ALL MY OTHER GRIM STUFF LOOK LIKE PETER RABBIT."— **Alan Moore***

From the pen of award-winning British writer Alan Moore comes a 12-part *maxi-series* that is unlike any other story in the history of ***DC Comics.*** It is set in 1985, in a world that is subtly different from the world we know today. Due to a Constitutional amendment, President Nixon is still in power. The United States never lost the Vietnam War. Afghanistan was never invaded. And super-heroes really do exist. But instead of it being an American dream, it's an American nightmare. For the world is on the brink of nuclear destruction. And who watches ***The Watchmen?***

Illustrated by Alan's fellow Brit and fan favorite Dave Gibbons, this is a story you won't soon forget. For where in most comics you can presume that as soon as the hero appears the world's problems are all sorted out, in ***Watchmen*** they are just beginning. And as the clock ticks away, super-heroes are murdered, one by one...

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Sept. Listings

May 6th/May 29th

Son of Ambush Bug #3 *mini-series*—In the third issue of this riotous *six-part mini-series*, Ambush Bug's own uniform turns against him and his socks are revolting! Scripted by Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, penciled by Giffen and inked by Bob Oksner. Cover by Giffen and Oksner.

Justice League of America #254 —*Here it is!* Gerry Conway's stunning climax to the Saga of Despero! Penciled by Luke McDonnell. Inked by Bill Wray. Cover by McDonnell and José Luis Garcia-Lopez.

Hex #13 —Writer Michael Fleisher introduces an exciting new super-group. But are they heroes or villains? Pencils by Mark Texeira and inks by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar.

May 13th/June 5th

DC Comics Presents #97 —In this action-packed, extra-long ***final issue,*** we'll learn Superman's shocking *"Final Solution"* for the Phantom Zone Criminals from Krypton. By Steve Gerber, Rick Veitch, and Bob Smith. Cover by Veitch and Smith.

Fury of Firestorm #51 —*Watch the action!* King Crusher is a wrestler turned monster. By writer Gerry Conway, penciler Joe Brozowski, and inker Rodin Rodriguez. Cover by Brozowski.

Tales of the Teen Titans #69—Lilith's fate! The Titans return to Earth! Kole's origin is uncovered! All this and romance, too! Marv Wolfman's script is penciled by José Luis Garcia-Lopez and inked by Romeo Tanghal and Carlos Garzon. Cover by Tom Mandrake. *Originally presented in* ***The New Teen Titans #10.***

Roots of the Swamp Thing #3 *mini-series*—In the third issue of this historic series, we find stories reprinted from ***Swamp Thing #s 5 and 6.*** And still more! Len Wein and Berni Wrightson also collaborated on a spectacular House of Mystery tale! ***Plus:*** An Alan Moore text piece! Cover by Wrightson. *Deluxe format.*

Watchmen #1 *maxi-series*—The long-awaited *12-part series* by British fan favorites Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons! What happens in a world where super-heroes really do exist? The conceptual America that Moore and Gibbons have created is on the brink of nuclear destruction and only one man has the solution to the catastrophic nightmare. Meanwhile, a super-hero is murdered ... Cover by Gibbons. *Deluxe format.*

Vigilante #33 —A rapist is stalking the streets of Manhattan and the Vigilante runs headlong into one of the most frightening crimes of today. By writer Paul Kupperberg, with penciller Chuck Patton and inker Rick Magyar. Cover by Tom Grindberg. *Deluxe format.*

The Outsiders #11 —By Mike W. Barr, penciled and inked by Jim Aparo. ***The Outsiders*** are imprisoned in a death camp! Why is the provocative Looker collaborating with the enemy? ***Plus:*** Barr brings us a ***Halo back-up story***—artwork by John Byrne—and a ***Katana back-up story***—artwork by Trevor Von Eeden. ***And:*** A ***Looker pin-up*** by Brian Bolland. Cover by Aparo. *Deluxe format.*

Warlord Annual #5 —The Warlord finds himself enslaved by ancient Mayans who force him to aid in their invasion of the surface. Scripted by Michael Fleisher, penciled and inked by Adam Kubert. Cover *painting* by Mike Grell.

Angel Love #2 *maxi-series*—Love becomes a problem for Angel when she discovers her new boyfriend is addicted to cocaine and he doesn't want to stop! Cover and interior art by Barbara Slate.

May 20th/June 12th

Legion of Super-Heroes #26—It's all-out battle with the brand-new and deadlier-than-ever Fatal Five! ***But*** the story takes a strange turn when one of the villains sacrifices her life for the Legion! By Paul Levitz, Greg LaRocque, and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Steve Lightle. *Deluxe format.*

Electric Warrior #5—Lek 9-03 becomes the hero of society's rejects when he declares war on his masters for the love of a human woman! Story by Doug Moench. Illustrations and cover by Jim Baikie. *Deluxe format.*

History of the DC Universe #1 *mini-series*—Marv Wolfman, George Pérez, and Karl Kesel have re-created, chronologically, the complete history of the ***DC Universe.*** The ***first issue*** of this amazingly illustrated three-part series takes you from the dawn of time through World War I. *Featuring a special 3-page painted time line pullout!* Special cover design by Richard Bruning. *Deluxe format.*

Elvira's® House of Mystery™ #7—Pure science fiction! New editor, Ed Hannigan, promises this will be the *best* issue yet! Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz.

G.I. Combat #285—By Robert Kanigher. *The Mercenaries* hop from the Bay of Bengal to Florida's Key Largo with double-barreled action! Penciled and inked by Sam Glanzman. Cover by Joe Kubert.

Batman #399—Is it the end of Two-Face? Find out as the surprises mount and an era comes to an end. Scripted by Doug Moench. All illustrations and cover by Tom Mandrake.

Superman #423—It's the *"last"* in this series of Superman stories! What will become of the Man of Steel? *The story concludes in* ***Action #583.*** *Scripted by Alan Moore, penciled by Curt Swan, and inked by George Pérez. Cover by Swan and Murphy Anderson.*

Star Trek® #30—***Flashback:*** Uhura defies orders and finds herself trapped on a world overrun by Klingons! Paul Kupperberg provides the story, Carmine Infantino and Ricardo Villagran give us the artwork. Cover by Joe Brozowski and Bob Smith.

Blue Beetle #4—Doctor Alchemy strikes again with the power to make himself master of the world! By Len Wein. Penciled by Paris Cullins and inked by Bruce Patterson. Cover by Cullins and Patterson.

'Mazing Man #9—Eddie's being promoted to assistant manager, but will bank robbers spoil his big day? Meantime, 'Maze *loses* Buddy the drunk. By Bob Rozakis, Stephen DeStefano, and Karl Kesel. ***Plus:*** Zoot Sputnik in the Old West by Rozakis and Fred Hembeck! Cover by DeStefano and Kesel.

Secret Origins #6 *maxi-series—Now two origins each month!* Origin I: The *original* ***Batman,*** scripted by Roy Thomas, penciled by Marshall Rogers, and inked by Terry Austin. Origin II: ***Halo,*** written by Mike W. Barr, with pencils and inks by Dick Giordano. Cover by José Luis Garcia-Lopez.

N E W R E L E A S E S

May 27th/June 19th

Infinity, Inc.* #30**—A sequel to the ***JSA Special. Now that the Justice Society is gone forever, how will the Infinitors handle their grief? By Roy and Dann Thomas. Penciled by Todd McFarlane. Inked by Tony DeZuniga. Cover by McFarlane and DeZuniga. *Deluxe format.*

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HOUSE OF MYSTERY
SPECIAL SCI-FI ISSUE!
ELVIRA EXPLORES TIME & SPACE
"THE DOLL-MAKER" by JAMES GELDHOF
"STAR BORN" by MIKE W. BARR & TOM YEATES
MORE BIG CONTEST DETAILS!

The New Teen Titans* #24**—A *new* supergroup, the Hybrid, is introduced. The powerful, evil team will not only plague the Titans but the whole ***DC Universe. Marv Wolfman is the writer. Eduardo Barreto and Romeo Tanghal are the illustrators. Cover by Denys Cowan and Dick Giordano. *Deluxe format.*

The Dark Knight* #4** *mini-series*—Book 4: Dark Knight Falls!*** The ***last issue*** in this historic graphic novel series features Superman as guest star! Scripted and penciled by Frank Miller, inked by Klaus Janson, and colored by Lynn Varley. Cover by Miller and Varley. *Deluxe format.*

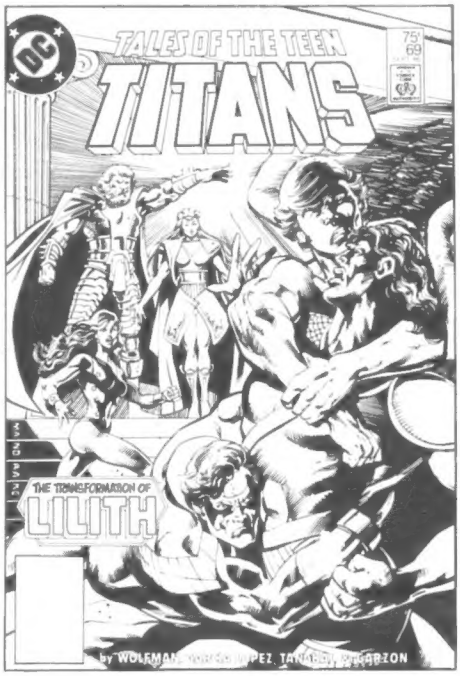
***Green Lantern Corps* #204**—Arisia's got a big problem. She's growing up—and how! Steve Englehart's story is penciled by Joe Staton and inked by Mark Farmer. Cover by Staton and Bruce Patterson.

***Warlord* #109**—Warlord's fierce battle with Lamia and Morella reaches a shattering and unexpected climax! Michael Fleisher wrote the action, penciled by Ron Randall and inked by Steve Montano. Cover by Randall.

***Blue Devil* #28**—A real-live fan is the guest star in the wildest of yarns! Written by Dan Mishkin, penciled by Alan Kupperberg, and inked by Bill Collins. Cover by Paris Cullins and Gary Martin.

***Booster Gold* #8**—Now we find out the conclusion to Booster Gold's surprising origin and first adventure! Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, and Ultra Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes guest star! By Dan Jurgens and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Jurgens and DeCarlo.

Super Powers*™ #1** *mini-series*—In Paul Kupperberg's ***premiere issue of this exciting *mini-series*, we find Orion and Mr. Miracle now governing Apokolips. Plastic Man, Captain Marvel, and Cyborg join up with the Super Powers team! Illustrated by Carmine Infantino and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Infantino and Marcos.



***Swamp Thing* #52**—A raging Swamp Thing heads for Gotham City in search of Abby! Scripted by Alan Moore, penciled by Rick Veitch, inked by Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Steve Bissette.

***Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe* #19** *maxi-series*—In this issue of the 26-issue *maxi-series*, we find Question, Quislet, Ra's al Ghūl, Raven, Ragman, *both* Red Tornadoes, Riddler, Robin, and many others! By Peter Sanderson, E. Nelson Bridwell, and loads of *good* artists. Cover by Jerry Ordway.

***Adventures of The Outsiders* #37**—The Marine Marauder interrupts the Outsiders' ocean voyage *and* she's taking no prisoners! By Mike W. Barr, penciled and inked by Trevor Von Eeden. Cover by Garcia-Lopez.

June 3rd/June 26th

***Detective* #566**—As we prepare for ***Batman* #400**—who are Batman's foes? By Doug Moench. Penciled by Gene Colan and inked by Bob Smith. Cover by Dick Giordano.

***Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #339**—The Legionnaires are at full fighting force when five new members join! Written by Paul Levitz, penciled by Steve Lightle, with inks by Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Lightle. *Special reprint.*

Action* #583**—*This is the last* ***Action *for 4 months!* You won't want to miss the chance to find out what will happen to Superman, his friends, and his enemies! Written by Alan Moore, penciled by Curt Swan, and inked by Kurt Schaffenberger. Cover by Swan and Murphy Anderson.

***All-Star Squadron* #61**—The *"secret origin"* of Liberty Belle has not been told since it was first published in 1940. Until today, that is! By Roy Thomas, Mike Harris, and Tony DeZuniga. Cover by DeZuniga.

Teen Titans Spotlight On* #2**—Starfire in Africa—the startling ***conclusion. *Don't miss this one!* It's guaranteed to be powerful and ***controversial.*** Written by Marv Wolfman, penciled by Denys Cowan, and inked by Dick Giordano. Cover by Cowan and Giordano.

***Hawkman* #2**—A rematch with the Shadow-Thief is declared when the Hawks infiltrate the Hyathis Corp.—and find themselves battling the Shadow-Thief. Tony Isabella, Richard Howell, and Don Heck form their own super-team to bring this issue to life. Cover by Howell and Dennis Jensen.

***Star Trek*® *Annual* #2**—The end of the five-year mission and the Enterprise's return to *Talos IV! At last, all is revealed!* Scripted by Mike W. Barr. Penciled by Dan Jurgens. Inked by Bob Smith. Cover by Denys Cowan and Ricardo Villagran.

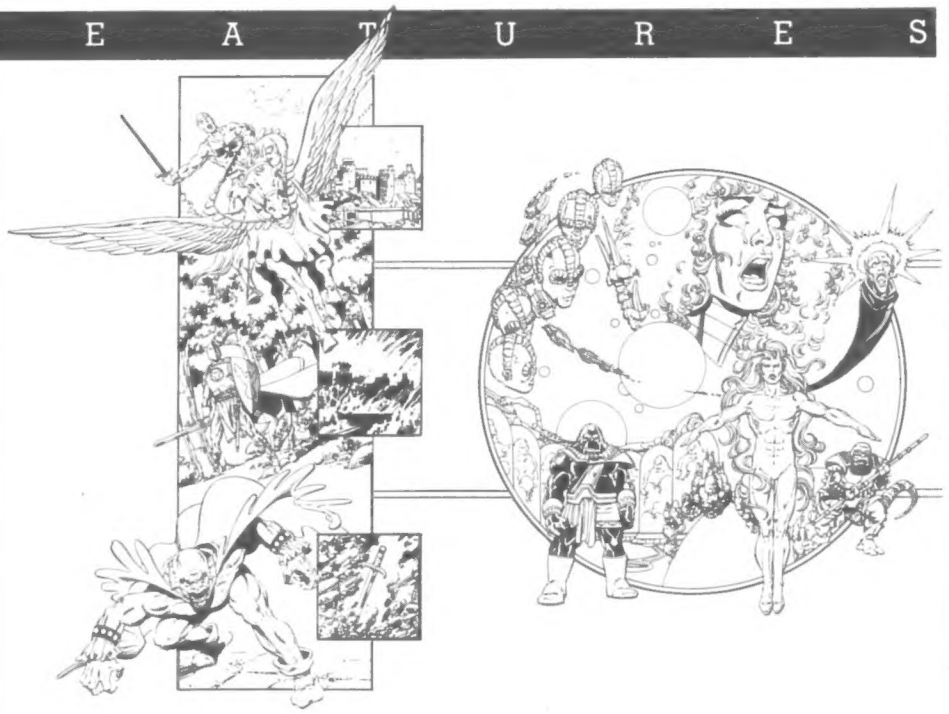
DC Challenge* #11** *maxi-series*—Okay, now, if things haven't gotten odd enough, enter the Spectre and Darkseid! ***Also: Superman *and* Adam Strange! Marv Wolfman and Cary Bates wrote this one. Penciled by Keith Giffen. Cover by Giffen and Romeo Tanghal.

***Lords of the Ultra-Realm* #4** *maxi-series*—In this issue of the *maxi-series*, the Lords return to Ultra-Realm and Falkon battles the Lord of War. Rage terrorizes Earth! By Doug Moench and Pat Broderick. Cover by Broderick. *Deluxe format.*

***Lois Lane* #2** *mini-series*—In this final issue, Lois' obsession with missing children escalates. Is there no one to help her in the stirring conclusion to this powerful story? By Mindy Newell and Gray Morrow. Special wraparound cover by Morrow.

History of the DC Universe

The lavishly illustrated ***History of the DC Universe*** is the definitive chronicle of the ***DC Universe*** and all its super-powered inhabitants. This *three-part mini-series* will take you from the dawn of time to the 64th Century! Writer Marv Wolfman and illustrators George Pérez and Karl Kesel leave no details out in documenting the lives and times of the world's favorite super-heroes and villains. Included in each issue is a unique fold-out time line drawn and painted by Pérez. Fans and collectors will prize and utilize this special series.



You're the Best!

Once again the ***DC*** fans have outdone themselves! The response to our ***DC*** Fan Survey was overwhelming! So far we have *over 8,000 replies* and surveys are still coming in every day. Needless to say, no one expected this record-breaking show of support.
I apologize for the delay in sending out your *"thank-you"* posters. However, to reward you for your patience, we will also send you a *special* ***Superman*** *button.*

In the meantime, I have another favor to ask of you. If you read the ***March 27th*** *issue* of ***Rolling Stone*** magazine and liked the article on ***Dark Knight*** and Frank Miller, please drop a letter or postcard to the editors and tell them what you thought. You might ask to see more articles on comics in ***Rolling Stone*** or even comic book reviews. Mikal Gilmore, the writer of the article, would also like me to thank all of you who sent him letters expressing your enthusiasm for his story.

SPIN Magazine will also be printing a story on Frank and ***Dark Knight*** in their ***May*** *issue* (on sale April 10th). Letters written to the editors of either magazine should be sent to the addresses:

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Thanks!
Linda Robak *Advertising and Sales Manager*

P.S. *Be sure to take a look at* ***'Mazing Man*** *this month—it's one of the best books* ***DC*** *is publishing!*

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